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VIA HAND DELIVERY

May 29, 2019

Dianne E. Ray, CPA
State Auditor
State Services Building
1525 Sherman Street, 7th Floor
Denver, Colorado 80203

Dear Ms. Ray:

Thank you for your referral from the Fraud Hotline, ticketed #20180081. My colleagues and I, along with the Attorney General, were also copied on this anonymous letter, and I have therefore already had a chance to look into these allegations myself and have been in consultation with the Attorney General about them. After further consultation with my own and the Attorney General's staff about your letter, there is consensus, with which I am in accord, that it makes the most sense for the OSA to simply conduct the investigation, with which we will of course fully cooperate.

In large part, my decision in this regard flows from my earnest desire to have these allegations resolved as thoroughly and expeditiously as feasible. To that end, I am anxious for my counsel, Andrew Rottman (andrew.rottman@judicial.state.co.us), to coordinate with the appropriate members of your staff concerning how your office will plan to proceed and how we may best assist with your investigation.

Thanks again.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nathan B. Coats", written over a horizontal line.

Nathan B. Coats
Chief Justice, Colorado Supreme Court

cc: Greg Fugate